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CONCORDIA AND U.Q.T.R. MEET IN Q.U.A.A.
EARLY SEASON SHOWDOWN THIS WEEKEND

The Concordia University varsity hockey team opens defence of their Quebec University Athletic Association title this weekend with a pair of games against the powerful Université du Québec à Trois Rivières.

The two teams play their league opener Friday night when the Stingers host "Les Patriotes" in a 7 p.m. contest at the Concordia Arena, 7200 Sherbrooke St. West. Les Patriotes demonstrated their powers two weeks ago when they downed Concordia 5-2 in the final of the Concordia Pre-Season Invitational Tournament. U.Q.T.R.'s victory snapped Concordia's 33 game winning streak of home games, dating back to December of 1975. Many feel this might be the year Les Patriotes end the Stingers domination of the Q.U.A.A. (Concordia has won each of the league titles in the two years since Sir George and Loyola merged, while Loyola and Sir George captured the league title, collectively, eight times previously.

Head Coach, Paul Arsenault was philosophical after the Stingers defeat in the final game of the pre-season tourney. "Our main reason for having this tournament is to provide both the players and fans competitive games early in the season," Arsenault stated. "While we probably could have played a little better against Trois-Rivières, the games helped our team-play," he continued. "We have 17 new players on this year's roster and it will take a while before everyone learns our system. Besides it is a lot more important to beat them during regular season and the playoffs, than in pre-season games. We still have a lot of work to do in the next few games."

Since that tournament Concordia embarked on a four game trip to the Maritimes, followed by a pair of games against St. Louis University in the Checkerboard Arena, and now hold a 4-3-1 exhibition record.

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Coach Arsenault was particularly pleased with the games against St. Louis. The Stingers upended the Billikens 4-3 in overtime last Wednesday, then dropped a 5-3 decision Thursday night. In Thursday's game Concordia had a first period lapse which left them down 4-0 after the first ten minutes of play. St. Louis is a highly ranked Division I school, who tied the defending W.C.A.A. champion, Wisconsin University a week prior to the Concordia games.

Concordia and U.Q.T.R. meet again Sunday in Trois Rivières for an 8 p.m. contest. The Stingers then have an 11 day layoff before participating in the North County Thanksgiving Tournament in New York, November 24th - 26th. The pucksters, who captured the Championship trophy in their only other tournament appearance in 1975, will play Clarkson, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and St. Lawrence. They return to league play Tuesday, November 29th when they host the McGill Redmen in a 7 p.m. game.

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CONCORDIA STINGERS
VARSITY HOCKEY STATISTICS

SCORING

	<u>/GP</u>	<u>GOALS</u>	<u>ASSISTS</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>PEN/MIN</u>
Bill Doherty	8	6	4	10	14
Kim Elliott	8	3	7	10	0
Dwayne Byers	8	7	2	9	54
Alex Westgate	8	3	3	6	2
Andre Bourgeois	8	2	4	6	2
Daniel Vinet	8	4	1	5	0
Mark Fiorentino	8	3	2	5	16
Steve Gibson	8	1	4	5	0
Yvon Disotell	8	3	1	4	12
Carl Tammaro	8	1	3	4	7
Dave Boyd	8	1	2	3	10
Michel Blais	8	0	3	3	24
Mark Dichter	7	0	3	3	15
Alain Chaput	6	0	2	2	2
Bert DiFazio	6	1	0	1	9
Don Harris	3	0	0	0	0

GOALTENDING

	<u>MIN/PL</u>	<u>G.A.</u>	<u>SHOTS</u>	<u>SAVE %</u>	<u>S.O.</u>	<u>AVE.</u>
Nick Sanza	244	8	101	.921	1	1.97
Gino Yanire	240	17	129	.869	0	4.25

TEAM RECORD

<u>GP</u>	<u>WON</u>	<u>LOST</u>	<u>TIED</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
8	4	3	1	36	25	9/16

RESULTS TO DATE

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October 21st	Stingers	5	Guelph	2	Home
October 22	UQTR	6	Stingers	2	Home
October 27	Stingers	14	U.N.B.	0	Fredericton, N.B.
October 28	Stingers	3	Dalhousie	3	Halifax
October 29	St. Mary's	3	Stingers	1	Antigonish, N.S.
October 30	Stingers	4	St. F.X.	3	Antigonish, N.S.
November 2	Stingers	4	St. Louis	3	St. Louis
November 3	St. Louis	5	Stingers	3	St. Louis

COMING GAMES

Friday	November 11th	UQTR	at	Stingers	7 P.M.
Sunday	November 13th	Stingers	at	UQTR	8 P.M.

CONCORDIA HOME GAMES ARE PLAYED AT THE CONCORDIA ATHLETIC COMPLEX
7200 SHERBROOKE STREET WEST